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NO MORE

DISCUSSION OF SOCIALISM OR TO
APPEAR IN THE BLUE
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Contrary to my own judgment, but to teach true Infidels a lesson, I admitted discussion about Socialism and some other politics. It reduced the circulation of the Blade over one thousand subscribers, though I was fair about it and gave each side an equal hearing.

Of course my enemies, who used this opportunity to damage me, are gratified at the result and I am satisfied because I never regret anything that I have done in which I have acted honestly.

But I have just thrown into my waste barrel an article that I would have been glad to print except that the writer had taken pains to interlard it, intended to appear incidental and accidental, little boosts of Socialism; and this will be the fate of all articles written me on that subject by anybody, utterly regardless of which side of the subject they are.

This paper is solely and purely in the interest of religious discussion, and all politics, including Socialism, is entirely foreign to its purpose and I will not again hold this paper to the discussion of anything outside of religion and morals that are germane to that subject.

I neither know nor care about politics and have not for years gone to the school where I believe, and I do know about theology from inheritance.

I have gone just as I anticipated would be the case, into a discussion of this question in my paper, willing to sustain the damage, to show to good where I believe, and I do know where I am misguided in this matter and now, from this time if you want me to regard you as my intelligent friend, you must positively keep out of this paper all political discussion save such as is inseparably connected with religion.

THE DR. WILSON LETTERS.

By the time you read this Dr. Wilson will have started to the Infidel Congress at Rome.

So far as I can judge by expressions

in other Infidel papers, and in my own, Dr. Wilson is now the most popular writer of Infidel propaganda of any man in America, and yet what he has written has been done in the midst of professional cares and with no other inspiration than just the suggestions of his own heart and brain. But in this instance no man could have greater inspiration and opportunity than he will have, short of such a tour as I had on my tour to "holy Land." Asia Minor, Egypt and all the countries whose histories are involved in that of the Christian religion.

Next to Jerusalem and Bethlehem and Bethany, there is no place in the world from which has emanated so much Christian influence as Rome and especially the Vatican in Rome.

In A. D. 1609, in front of the Vatican, the Roman Catholic church, then

with the Greek Catholic church the only Christianity in the world, burned Giordano Bruno at the stake because he taught the people that the world was round, thus disrupting the teaching of the Bible that the world was flat. There now stands on that spot, put there in spite of the church, his monument to Bruno on which is his statue, and learned Infidels from all over the world will meet there in September, and, among their other exercises, lasting for days, will crown the statue of Bruno and the whole Catholic and Protestant churches combined will not dare to say them nay, when two hundred years ago Wilson, had been tried, and every man who would have dared, and every man who would have dared to go there to make such a demonstration, right in the face of the Pope, had been chained to a stake and burned just as Bruno was, and the Pope now would not dare to expose himself unguarded in Rome as an American Infidel can do with impunity; the Pope staying in the Vatican and calling himself a "prisoner" because he is afraid to go among the people of the city in which he lives, and he is only allowed to live by the generosity of the civil power.

As an orator for Infidelity we may

never see the equal of Ingersoll, but

the press is daily gaining in influence

upon the rostrum, and while Ingersoll was the rostrum in the right place

for the work he did, and appealed to

the emotions as nobody else, in our

cause, has ever done, he never was,

in power or intensity of thought,

and in mental and moral courage, the equal of Dr. Wilson.

The letters that will be written

each week for the Blade by Dr.

Wilson will be balanced with the

opportunity he will have

to speak about his own Infidel

literature that has been published

in any American periodical, and

I hope that friends of the Blade will

keep themselves of our club rates to

distribute them to the world.

MISSOURI RAILROAD HORROR.

A few days since a train, "in Miss-

souri," that had on it about 125 per-

son, ran off a bridge and all were drowned

except about "two dozen," as the As-

sociated Press telegram reports it. So

many horrors are happening—or rather

being conducted by the providence of

God—that they count the dead and

the saved now by the dozen, like eggs

It is another display of what the

Christians call the wisdom of God.

In Kentucky there was a great

Rain and flood man and beast were

left for the rats and the only rain

that had fallen here, for a long time

was right on the streets of Lexington,

where nothing grows, and in such

quantities that great damage was

done by the flood which was unpre-

cedented in the history of Lexington.

There was a creek in Missouri call-

ed Dry Creek, from the fact that it only

rains in wet weather. It had a

bridge over it 25 feet high. In a few

hours there fell such a torrent of rain

—while we were suffering from

drought here in Kentucky—that the

water rose over that bridge, and the

train running to it, the bridge

went away, and about 100 persons were

drowned and their bodies and the cars

and other property were

carried away.

Thus through many youthful summers, I hoed and grubbed

away.

But I labored on, not knowing 'twas toll inspired my dreams;

That I was gazing treasures, for choice poetic themes;

Fairies, Nature shone all round me; I caught her kindly glow;

And the Muses came and passed, I had tolling with a hoe.

The flowers smiled so kind at me, I passed them by the way;

The wood-birds had a mind for me, when near their haunts I'd

And everywhere beamed Beauty bright, e'en the cornfield's long

green row,

And green'ny'z the appetite, when I hustled with the hoe.

Never yet was man degraded, by contact with the soil;

Who most have made our country, in the earth began their toil;

In lands where liberty's unknown, the peasant bends his low;

But here our greatest statesmen, are graduates of the hoe.

And from each State has risen, a Cinchonatus from his plow;

A peasant born who died at last, with garlands on his brow;

And from every walk of learning, and station high and low,

Come brave and brassy millions, who have labored with the hoe.

So no picture of my boyhood, more dear to mem'ry's eye,

Than our hustling in the June time, to get the corn laid by;

I see old Nancy and Dad a comin', "way down between the rows,

While like-o'-try split are Beech and I humpit' it with our hoe.

Such a slight hope of expansion and say:

"No, the hills and the hollows

must ever be the even tenor of my

foot high.

Send \$2.50 for five new subscribers

and help spread Freethought.



DR. WILSON BIDS ADIEU.

I had intended leaving New York

on the 15th of this excursion party

for which Mr. Goodwin was managing, but as

he was not successful in getting the

number required to make rates with

the company, I did not go, and I have

not gone alone. Am sorry for this

as the excursion would have been

less expensive, but I will say until I have

had some passage on the steamer Majestic.

This will be an advantage in many ways.

The excursion will allow five days,

and by going independent I will man-

age to be there 12 or 15 days, which

will give me time to daily with

Dr. Wilson and others, and gathered

material for what I want to write.

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